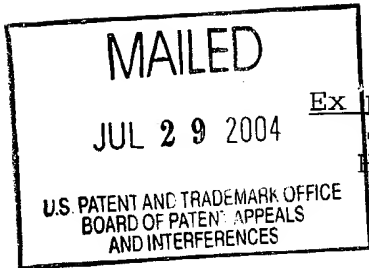


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Ex parte FRANCISCUS PETRUS MARIA MERCX,
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Application No. 09/966,351

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 15, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On July 14, 2003, appellants filed an amendment. The examiner notified appellants in an Advisory Action mailed on September 5, 2003 that appellants' amendment filed on July 14, 2003 would be entered. A review of the file reveals that appellants amendment has not been physically entered.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to take corrective action regarding appellants'

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amendment filed on July 14, 2003, written notification to appellants of the action taken, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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